

## House Resolution No. 2007

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed many changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Elwood Runge of Belle, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Seventy-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on April 26, 2003, at Douglas Company Restaurant in St. James; and

**Whereas**, on April 23, 1928, God brought a special gift to Henry and Mabel (Hassler) Runge with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Elwood, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating his birthday, Elwood Runge will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to Ethel Runge and the arrival of his offspring; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Elwood Runge with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Ethel Runge; his children, Kevin, Lois, and Beth; his step-children, Scott, Tammy, and Dean; two grandsons; and eight step-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Elwood Runge has compiled an impressive list of achievements that includes driving for MFA Oil, toiling as a farmer, supporting the Missouri Angus Association, and being the retired owner of Runge Oil and Tire; and

**Whereas**, Elwood Runge, a member of the Belle Church of Christ, is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received from the good Lord who is the center of his life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Elwood Runge at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Elwood Runge, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Merrill M. Townley  
District No. 112

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2007, adopted April 22, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker